

a1 offer of selling a precious object may attract burglars. The possibility of publishing an advertisement under a box number has to be completely ruled out for some publications such as in the case of pin walls with private announcements in stores or schools.

Page 1, before paragraph [0003] please insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please amend paragraph [0003] as follows:

a2 [0003] Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide the capability for a subscriber of a telecommunications network to be called without the caller knowing the subscriber's telephone number, hereinafter also referred to as permanent identifier.

Page 1, please insert paragraph [0003.1] as follows:

a3 --[0003.1] The present invention provides a method for establishing a connection from an initiating subscriber to a destination subscriber in a telecommunications network without the initiating subscriber knowing a permanent identifier of the destination subscriber. The method includes assigning a first anonymous identifier to the permanent identifier of the destination subscriber using a trust center. The first anonymous identifier is recognized as an anonymous identifier and the first anonymous identifier is routed to the trust center using an associated active switching center. The permanent identifier of the destination subscriber is determined from the routed first anonymous identifier and the determined permanent identifier is transmitted to the switching center using the trust center. The connection to the destination subscriber is established using the transmitted permanent identifier and the switching center.--.

Please delete paragraph [0004].

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

a4 [0006] In an embodiment of the method according to the present invention the trust center includes a code server in conjunction with a service control function of the telecommunications network which is at least partially designed as an intelligent network, and in that the routing of the anonymous identifier from the switching center and the transmission of the permanent identifier to the switching center take place via a service switching function of the intelligent network.

[Please amend paragraph [0007] as follows:]

[0007] To limit the stock of numbers which has to be kept ready for the anonymous identifier, it is provided according to an embodiment to delete the anonymous identifier at a predetermined time after the assignment. In an embodiment of the method according to the present invention, the predetermined time will be established in accordance with the period of time within which the destination subscriber will still expect calls after his/her publication, for example, the advertisement, such as, for example, one or two weeks. Due to this time limitation of the anonymous identifier, moreover, an insignificant interest in an unauthorized intrusion into the trust center is to be expected so that simple protective measures are sufficient, if indicated.

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Please amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] In an embodiment of the present invention a permanent identifier can be assigned only one anonymous identifier at a time. In this manner, an abusive extension of the assignment of anonymous identifiers is prevented.

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[Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:]

[0010] In an embodiment of the present invention, provision is made for an authorization check to be carried out before the trust center assigns the anonymous identifier. This check can prevent, for example, an unauthorized person from generating an anonymous identifier for a call number.

Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

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[0012] According to an embodiment of the present invention, a user-friendly assignment of the anonymous identifier can be effected in that the request for the assignment of the anonymous identifier and the communication thereof take place over the internet. Consequently, the user can be advantageously guided via suitable graphical user interfaces, information and entries complementing one another in an expedient manner.

Please amend paragraph [0020] as follows:

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[0020] In an embodiment of the present invention, provision is made for the destination subscriber to be informed of this fact by a perceivable signaling when a return call is established using the anonymous identifier. It is then possible for the destination subscriber to adapt his/her behavior, in particular, to accept or reject the return call.

[Please amend paragraph [0021] as follows:]